

REMARKS

By this Amendment claims 1 and 3 have been replaced by a new claim 6, claim 2 has been amended to depend from new claim 6, claim 4 has been replaced by a new claim 7, claim 5 has been canceled, and claim 8 has been added (same as claim 2 but dependent on new claim 7). Entry is requested.

In the Outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Killion et al. The inventors disagree.

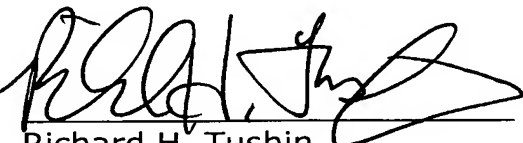
Killion et al. disclose a hearing aid having plural microphones and a microphone switching system. A wind screen 485 can be located over the sound ports of directional microphones 445 and 450 (Fig. 19). However, the wind screen covers all the microphone openings, and thus does not allow the user to listen to a microphone with better sensitivity in conditions where no wind-noise is present. Killion et al. do not disclose the possibility of switching between a microphone with a wind screen covered opening and one without a wind screen dependent on the wind load experienced. Further, Killion et al. do not disclose the possibility of locating one microphone opening at a place on the hearing aid wherein the wind noise is limited and locating at least one other microphone opening at a place where a better signal may be obtained. And also

means for switching between such two microphones are not disclosed or suggested.

The examiner's prior art rejection should be withdrawn.

Favorable reevaluation is requested.

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